

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments and these remarks are in response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2008. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1 through 10 and 13 through 20 were pending in the application. In the subject Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-10 and rejected claims 13, 14, 16-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Claims 15 and 19 were objected to being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully suggests that the Application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited..

I. Allowable Claims

The Examiner has allowed Claims 1 through 10. Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for her diligent examination of the instant application and recognition of allowable claims.

II. Claim Objections

Claims 15 and 19 were objected to being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has incorporated the limitations of claim 19 into independent claim 13. Accordingly, Claim 13 and any claims dependent thereon should be allowable.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner rejected claims 13, 14, 16-18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment to the claim 13 obviates the rejection and respectfully request that the Examiner allow claims 13 through 20 as Amended.

IV. Conclusion

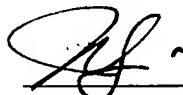
Applicants have made every effort to present claims which distinguish over the prior art, and it is thus believed that all claims are in condition for allowance. Nevertheless, Applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if it is believed that a telephonic interview would expedite the prosecution of the application to an allowance. In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims.

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